Carbondale City Hall is 123 years old. Such a building, its builders knew, was not erected for the use of one generation or five generations or ten generations. Such a building was erected for all generations, for all time. We, the present generation, it must not be forgotten, are a part of the future that the builders of City Hall foresaw when they built Carbondale City Hall. It is, therefore, our responsibility, as it is the responsibility of every generation of Carbondaleans, to maintain and to transmit to the next generation a healthy building. We must make certain, therefore, that the building that we bequeath to our children is as vigorous as the building that we inherited from our parents. If it is not, it is we who will bear the burden of shame. If it is, it is we who will be credited with having had faith not only in ourselves and in our city, but also in our children and the city that we bequeath to them.

The present generation, in fulfilling its historical obligations towards Carbondale City Hall, is indebted to many people, all of whom have generously given of their time and talents on behalf of Carbondale City Hall, all of whom will continue to give generously of their time and talents on behalf of Carbondale City Hall. Among the most generous in the giving of his time and talents in the past nine months to Carbondale City Hall is our guest of honor tonight, David J. Baum.

WHAT HAS DAVID J. BAUM DONE FOR CARBONDALE CITY HALL IN THE PAST NINE MONTHS?

In three significant ways, David Baum has shown himself to be a friend of Carbondale City Hall during the past nine months: